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STATE FOR NEA/PAB
SINGAPORE FOR WHEAT ASSOCIATES DIRECTOR HUNT
USDA FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL SALES MANAGER

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SUBJ: AFGHAN WHEAT PURCHASES

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1. GENERAL MOHAMMAD ASEF, GOA'S GENERAL PRESIDENT OF
FOOD PROCUREMENT AND COOPERATIVES, PLANS TO DEPART KABUL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ABOARD FG 701. THE GENERAL PLANS TO
MAKE A THREE-DAY LAYOVER IN ISTANBUL BEFORE TRAVELING
DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK. THE AMBASSADOR WILL SEE THE
GENERAL OFF.

2. ASEF IS EXPECTED TO CARRY WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR
AMBASSADOR KARIM REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PL 480
AGREEMENT SIGNED DECEMBER 28 AND TO INITIATE CASH
PURCHASES OF OVER 100,000 MT, IN ADDITION TO THOSE
AMOUNTS TO BE OBTAINED UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT.
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3. ASEF HAS ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT HIS FINAL
ITINERARY FOLLOWING HIS KABUL DEPARTURE IS NOT FIRM,
AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTACT THE AFGHAN
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION.
GENERAL ASEF IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT DAOUD
AND ENJOYS CABINET RANK. ANY COURTESIES AND

ASSISTANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

4. FOR ANKARA AND ISTANBUL. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL'S STOP IN TURKEY IS TO DISCUSS THE RECENT SHIPMENT OF 20,000 MT OF GRANT WHEAT FROM TRUKEY, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HIS DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ISTANBUL OR IN ANKARA. AFGHAN ARIANA AIRLINES DOES NOT STOP IN ANKARA, AND THE GENERAL MAY HAVE SOME INTERNAL TRAVEL PLANS AFTER HIS ISTANBUL ARRIVAL ON THE FIFTEENTH.
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